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Responsive to the notification dated March 24, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 is attached to cover the required fee for the late filing of the executed declaration.

A copy of the notification is also submitted herewith.

The Declaration enclosed herewith adequately identifies the above-identified application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63, as set forth in MPEP Section 601.01.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 23-2185. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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I hereby authorize our attorneys to insert the serial number assigned to this application.  I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.  I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.  I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.  PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC §119					
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